

**Summary of proposed amendments of Title 19, chapter 4  
City and County of Honolulu Administrative Rules**

**Gender Equity Draft**

<b>Big Wave Options</b>	<b>DPR Rules and Regulation, Shore water events §19-4-3 Definitions</b>
<p><b>Explanation</b></p> <p>To change the minimum wave face heights of forty feet or higher to thirty-five feet or higher without the use of thrill craft or tow-in assistance.</p>	<p>"Big wave event" means a surf event requiring participants to paddle into waves of minimum wave face heights of forty feet or higher without the use of thrill craft or tow-in assistance.</p>
<p><b>Conflict Resolution Gender Equity Options</b></p>	<p><b>§19-4-12 North shore calendar conflict resolution.</b></p>
<p>The conflict resolution section is defined as:</p> <p>The department shall apply the conflict resolution process set forth in this section when it receives a permit application requesting the same block of dates and park requested by another permit applicant.</p> <p>A ranking system is used to assign points. The highest ranking applicant will be scheduled on the Triennial Calendar.</p> <p>Gender(s) of participants is an aspect that shall be taken into account as well as the primary type of event, age range(s) of participants and whether even is professional, amateur, or pro-am.</p>	<p>C) Diversity of north shore calendar events - the prevalence of events shall be considered in scoring events with a goal of including a broad range of events within the calendar. The following aspects shall be taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Primary type of event</li> <li>(ii) Age range(s) of participants</li> <li>iii) Whether event is professional amateur, or pro-am</li> <li><b>(iv) Gender(s) of participants</b></li> </ul> <p>For the evaluation of event diversity, all applications will be grouped based each of the above criteria. Points will be assigned based on the relative prevalence or scarcity of similar events as follows:</p>

<p><b>Explanation</b></p> <p>To change points system to award higher points for events that provide equitable opportunity for surfers of all genders.</p>	<p>(i) Three points will be assigned to events that fall below the 25th percentile of all applications for the season (For example, if 20 percent of applications are open only to youth, then these events will each receive three points for this criterion.)</p> <p>(ii) Two points will be assigned to events that fall within the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile to 74th percentile of all applications for the season; and</p> <p>(iii) One point will be assigned to events that fall above the 74th percentile of all applications for the season.</p> <p>The scores for this category shall be equally weighted so that the total score for this category comprises 10 percent of the final score.</p>
<p><b>Advisory Committee Options</b></p>	<p><b>19-4-3 Definitions.</b></p>
<p><b>Option</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To add language whereas two women and two men shall be appointed to the Advisory Committee.</b></li> </ul>	<p>“Advisory committee” means a committee, appointed by the Mayor, comprised of persons who represent the Hawaii surfing industry, to assist the department in resolving scheduling conflicts by providing comments to the department concerning the various applicants and</p>

	information concerning surf contests.
	<b>§19-4-12 North shore calendar conflict resolution.</b>
	<p>(a) The Mayor may appoint an advisory committee to assist the department in resolving scheduling conflicts by providing comments concerning the various applicants and information concerning surf contests. A person may not serve on the committee if the person is applying for a park permit to conduct a surf event in a public park. Should any member of the committee have a conflict of interest, the member shall recuse themselves from the process. If an advisory committee is established, the department shall provide the advisory committee with copies of the submitted applications. The advisory committee may provide comments concerning the conflict resolution criteria as applied to the various applicants.</p> <p>(b) If no advisory committee is appointed, the submitted applications shall be evaluated by a panel of three department employees who are designated by the director.</p>
<b>Gender Equity Language Options that require a new section of rules (no existing rules address these gender equity concerns or assurances)</b>	
Explanation	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Require a women’s division of equal amount of women athletes as men’s divisions.</b></li> <li>• <b>Each promoter make available a women’s division that is open to all women.</b></li> <li>• <b>Ensure women have equal opportunity in surf contests for all styles of surfing</b></li> <li>• <b>An event shall operate with two (or possibly three) gender based divisions. Should applications received fall short of the quota to establish a triennial calendar then an application waitlist can be used which is based on a first come first serve waitlist.</b></li> <li>• <b>Equal pay prizes for both men and women at each participant level</b></li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Explanation</b></p> <p>Incorporate Gender Equity Language Options into the Shore water event rules such as:  The department of parks and recreation shall not give preferential treatment to requests for permits for male activities over permits for female activities.</p>	<p><b>Ordinance 20-42 Relating to Department of Parks and Recreation Permits (Bill 10 (2020)) and Ordinance 21-8 Relating to Department of Parks and Recreation Permits (Bill 93(2020, CD1, FD1))</b></p>
	<p><b>Section 2. Section 10-1.3 Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990</b></p>
	<p>(3) Sports activities conducted by a league, organization, association, group or individual. A sports activity that requires a permit as provided under this section is subject to the following restrictions, in addition to any other</p>

	<p>conditions imposed by the rules adopted by the director:</p> <p>(A) Gender Equity. The department of parks and recreation shall not give preferential treatment to requests for permits for male activities over permits for female activities. This requirement does not apply if:</p> <p>(i) The sports activity is limited to one gender;</p> <p>(ii) The rules governing a particular sports activity expressly prohibit the participation of a particular gender; and</p> <p>(iii) Permits are made available on an equal basis for a similar activity with participants of another gender or to participants of all genders.</p>
	<p><b>Other Jurisdictions: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water - California Department of Parks and Recreation</b></p>
	<p>Special condition requiring the event organizers to add a women's heat to the men's heats, and organizers revised their permit application to the Coastal Commission to</p>

	include separate divisions for men and women with multiple heats and equitable prize money for male and female competitors.
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